Department of Children & Youth

Licensing Inspection Full Report

All licensed early care and education programs are inspected at least once each year. Non-compliances are documented and grouped by risk level. Documenting statements, technical assistance provided and supplemental information may be included in this report. Licensing inspection reports from the previous three years can be viewed on the Department of Children & Youth website at https://childcaresearch.ohio.gov/ . This includes complaint investigation reports with substantiated allegations. For any other early care and education records, please contact the Family and Customer Support Center at 1-844-234-5437.

Program Details		
Program Name XCEL Early Learning Academy	Program Number 2250032563	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 14402 Puritas Avenue Cleveland OH 44135		County CUYAHOGA

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Provisional	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 07/21/2026	Begin Time 2:55 PM	End Time 7:15 PM	Reviewer: LAKESHA ALLEN

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 67	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 4		No. Requirements Compliant 59
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 2	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 3	No. Technical Assistance Provided 2

License Capacity and Enrollment at the Time of Inspection				
Age Group	License Capacity	Enrollment		
	Totals	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Infant (Birth to < 18 m)		30	0	30
Young Toddler		13	0	13
Total Under 2 ½ Years	66	43	0	43
Older Toddler		23	0	23
Preschool		53	0	53
School Age		70	0	70
Total Capacity/Enrollment	142	146	0	189

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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
PK	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 9	In Compliance	Programming at arrival - 3:15 PM
PK	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 6	In Compliance	Dinner - 5:55 PM
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 3	In Compliance	Programming- 5:50 PM
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 8	In Compliance	Programming- 3:10PM
Infant 2	12 months to < 18 months	1 to 3	In Compliance	Programming-3:25 PM
Infant 2	12 months to < 18 months	1 to 3	In Compliance	Programming- Dinner- 6:00 PM
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 7	In Compliance	Nap- 3:25 PM
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 7	In Compliance	Toddlers and PS combined-dinner- 5:58 PM
PS	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 12	In Compliance	Programming- 3:45 PM
SA	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 18	In Compliance	Programming- 3:50 PM
SA	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 6	In Compliance	Programming- Dinner

Summary of Non-Compliances

If a program disagrees with a licensing finding, the program may request a review of the finding(s). Ohio Administrative Code 5180:2-12-03, 5180:2-13-03, 5180:2-19-10 and 5180:2-20-02 detail the process for submitting a request for review. The request for review must be submitted within ten business days from the receipt of the licensing report. In addition, if the program is Step Up To Quality rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious or moderate risk non-compliance is cited.

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Serious Risk Non-Compliances

A serious risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to a great risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

No serious risk non-compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

A moderate risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to a great risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have all staff request background checks as required and receive a DCY 01176 or preliminary approval from DCY prior to allowing an individual to engage in assigned duties or be near children.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks did not meet the requirements of the rule for the person(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart.

The following was observed:

1. The request for a background check for child care was not submitted

in the OPR.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the DCY 01176, or a copy of the preliminary approval or a statement that the individual(s) are no longer engaged in assigned duties and are not near children until the preliminary approval has been received, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/04/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Health Care Plans

Requirement: The program is required to have a completed DCY 01236 or equivalent form on file at the program for any child having a health condition and must implement and/or follow instructions on the plan. The program is required to have staff trained to perform the procedures on the form present at the program when the child requiring the procedure is onsite. Only staff who have been trained shall be permitted to perform the procedures listed on the form.

Finding: In review of the children's records, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for caring for at least one child, indicated on the Children's Records Review, with a condition that requires a DCY 01236 ""Health Care Plan Documentation & Permission to Administer Medication"" or equivalent form.

The following was observed:

1. No plan was on file for a child with a specific health condition.

2. there were no trained staff.

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed DCY 01236 or equivalent form, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/04/2026

Other Non-Compliances

This section includes other rule violations that are observable and/or based on facts.

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to maintain a current DCY 01176 "Program Notification of Background Check Review for Child Care" on file for each staff.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background check requirements had not been followed, for the individual(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart.

The following was observed: The JFS 01177 "Individual Notification of Background Check Review

for Child Care" was on file instead of the JFS 01176.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the correct form is now on file, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/04/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have all child care staff members complete training in child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention within sixty days of hire. Staff must complete training in first aid and CPR within the first ninety days of hire.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one child care staff member had not completed required health and safety training.

The following was observed:

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training expired for at least one CCSM.

Refer to the Employee Record Chart for the name(s) of the child care staff member(s) who must complete the required health and safety training(s). Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/04/2026

Domain: **10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

Requirement: The program is required to have an emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP).

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP) did not meet the requirement or was missing the information.

The following was observed as missing: -Mental or dental emergencies, including emergency transportation;

-A designated safe site where staff and children can safely remain when evacuated;

Make the necessary revisions to the EPRP. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes the revised information, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Findings:In review of the children's records, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for caring for at least one child, indicated on the Children's Records Review, with a condition that requires a DCY 01236 ""Health Care Plan Documentation & Permission to Administer Medication"" or equivalent form.

The following was observed:
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Technical Assistance Provided

This section documents technical assistance provided to the program when the program demonstrated an overall level of compliance with a rule requirement.

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Record Requirements

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Storage

Requirement: The program is required to remove all medication, medical foods and topical products that are no longer being administered or have expired. The program is also required to maintain current documentation to administer medications, medical foods and topical products.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not ensure medications or products were removed when they were no longer needed, expired, or had an expired prescription date, as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

In Compliance/Not Verified/Previously Verified/Not Applicable

This section documents rule requirements that were assessed as fully compliant, previously verified, not verified during this inspection or not applicable to the program.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-02 License Visible	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The license was in a location visible to parents as required.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Please Note: Documentation of a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations must be secured for the program. Secure a new fire inspection by 7/28/26.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The outdoor play area is separated from traffic and other hazards by a fence.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cleaning supplies were viewed stored out of the reach of children.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sufficient equipment was observed in all categories.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal Preparation and Nutritional Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Meals were offered at intervals as required by this rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, rule requirements pertaining to evening and overnight care were discussed, but not observed. The discussion included the requirements for the program's security plan, the schedule of activities, the sleeping arrangements if applicable, and the other hygiene stipulations outlined in the rule.
Rule: 5180:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The written security plan was reviewed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Postings	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-21 Mobile Preschools	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Staff Immunization Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 Amendments to the License	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Practices	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios were not doubled during nap time.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Immunization Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, 25% of the children's records were reviewed, and the immunization records were complete, as required by the rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Enrollment Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, it was determined the child's enrollment form is not complete or updated annually as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make

		the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Enrollment Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, a system to ensure children's enrollment records were updated annually was being utilized.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Staff TB Screening Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cots were placed appropriately and safely during nap time.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Placement	Previously Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-23 2026 Diapering and Toilet Training - Supplies	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding diapering and toilet training were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Specialized Diets	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training - Practices	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Documentation	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Administration Practices	Compliant	